

response expired June 18, 1999. Applicant accordingly requests and petitions for a two month extension of time, up to and including August 18, 1999, within which to respond or take other action. There is also an extra claim fee of \$36.00. Please charge the \$380.00 extension of time fee and the \$36.00 extra claim fee to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, Order No. 29865.

Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 19 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 28, 29, 36, 48 and 49 as follows.

1           28. (twice amended) A method according to claim 21, wherein  
2           said hop pectin extract has anhydrogalacturonic acid content of  
3           70 to [80%] 80 weight percent.

1           29. (twice amended) A method according to claim 21, wherein  
2           said hop pectin extract has anhydrogalacturonic acid content of  
3           55 to [75%] 75 weight percent.

1           36. (twice amended) A beverage having [improved] measurably  
2           increased foam head stability, said beverage being obtained  
3           through a preparation process comprising the steps of (1)

4 providing a hop pectin extract which has been formed by  
5 separating pectin from hop plants or parts or residues thereof  
6 and (2) adding to said beverage during said preparation process  
7 an amount of said hop pectin extract sufficient to provide 0.5 to  
8 30 g added hop pectin per hectoliter beverage, said quantity of  
9 added hop pectin being provided to said beverage at a stage of  
10 said preparation process effective to provide a beverage having  
11 [improved] measurably increased foam head stability.

1 48. (amended) A beverage according to claim 37, wherein  
2 said hop pectin extract has anhydrogalacturonic acid content of  
3 70 to [80%] 80 weight percent.

1 49. (amended) A beverage according to claim 37, wherein  
2 said hop pectin extract has anhydrogalacturonic acid content of  
3 55 to [75%] 75 weight percent.

Please add new claims 50-51 as follows.

1 50. A method according to claim 21, wherein said hop pectin  
2 extract has anhydrogalacturonic acid content of at least 20  
3 weight percent.

1 51. A beverage according to claim 37, wherein said hop  
2 pectin extract has anhydrogalacturonic acid content of at least